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## Gromyko's Hint On The Bomb

New York, May 20. Soviet Deputy Foreign Commissar Andrei Gromyko said today: "It is impossible to stop the advance of science."  
"Who knows?" he said, "the time may come when the country at present occupying a more favourable position in this respect than the other nations will find itself in the same, maybe even in a less favourable position in comparison with other states in the field of development and production of certain dangerous kinds of weapons if such weapons are not prohibited."  
He emphasised three points:  
1—that prohibition of atomic and mass destruction weapons must be undertaken promptly by UNO action.  
2—that after atomic weapons are outlawed Russia will agree to international control and inspection.  
3—that this inspection must be limited to assuring the development of atomic energy for peaceful purposes only.—Associated Press.

## Chiang On Chinese Civil War

Shanghai, May 20. The National Government still adhered to the policy of resolving the Communist problem by political means, but whether peace or unity could be achieved "depends entirely on the attitude of the Communist Party," Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek told the opening meeting of the Peoples' Political Council today.  
"What we ask of the Communists is merely to abandon their attempt to seize power by armed force, to halt their military operations and to abide by agreements for the restoration of nationwide communication," he said.  
"If the Communists will show their sincerity by deeds the Government is ready to seek a solution of the situation politically in order to relieve the people of suffering."  
He emphasised the Government's determination to weed out corruption, say "We want to build up a clean system, able and efficient."—Associated Press.

Algers, May 19. Three thousand dockers struck work for higher wages today in Algiers and in Morocco 7,000 workers of the Sherifian Phosphates office and mines at Khroumige were also on strike for higher wages.—Reuter.

## Talks With Soviet Marking Time

London, May 19. Negotiations towards revising the Anglo-Soviet Treaty of Alliance, in progress in Moscow, have advanced little since the meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers ended last month, it was authoritatively learned here tonight.  
There has been one further meeting between the two men charged with the task—Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Sir Maurice Peterson, the British Ambassador.  
Agreement has not been reached between the negotiators, who are still considering each other's draft for revising the 1942 treaty and extending its duration from twenty to fifty years.  
The last meeting was devoted to inquiring into the implications of the two drafts and there was still no evidence that the initial hitch which stalled progress during the Foreign Ministers' Conference has been overcome.  
This arose when the Soviet Union presented a draft which included the requirement that neither party should become part of a bloc considered hostile to the other.  
In the British view this was a greatly widened scope of the original treaty which was designed for mutual protection against any future threat of German aggression.

# STUDENTS RIOT IN NANKING: CLASHES WITH GENDARMES

## Police Quell Disturbances By Force One Reported To Be Killed

Nanking, May 20. Rioting broke out in Nanking today as over 6,000 demonstrating students demanding a cessation of civil war crashed through the military police cordon and marched towards the National Assembly Hall, where the Peoples' Political Council (China's parliament) were holding a meeting.  
The students defied all attempts to halt the demonstration by members of China's Youth Corps, who fired shots into the air. The total number of students wounded and arrested is not yet known.

Firehoses and flying clubs were used in the attempt to halt the demonstrating students. They came from Nanking, Shanghai and Hangchow universities.  
Announcing their demands for cessation of civil war by banners and slogans, the students after a brief stop when professors pleaded with the police to let them through the cordon, began breaking through and defied fire hoses.

**Beaten Up**  
Several student groups were isolated and taken away after a beating, but they refused to face combined military police, cavalry and gendarmes.  
Earlier the students assembled at their various campuses and broke through surrounding military cordon to begin their demonstration.  
Anticipating student demonstrations, the State Council, under the chairmanship of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, last Sunday passed a special ordinance limiting to ten the size of delegations petitioning the Government and providing that disorderly demonstrations may be broken up by force and demonstrators punishable in accordance with criminal law.—Reuter.

**Fire Hoses**  
The students faced gendarmes on foot and mounted police. When students broke through the first line of the cordon, the police trained fire hoses on them. The students replied with flares, bamboo canes and stones. Eyewitnesses said several students were badly beaten. Three were arrested, but one was released.  
The authorities succeeded eventually in containing the demonstrators.

Meanwhile inside the building, President Chiang Kai-shek opened the last session of the Council formed in 1938 as an advisory body to help the Government in the prosecution of the war.  
Chiang asked the delegates to try to pave the way for the enforcement of the new constitution and exert every effort to implement the emergency economic programme proclaimed February last.

The Generalissimo afterwards left the building unmolested, taking a route on which there were no demonstrators.  
From early morning, the authorities, forewarned of the students' intention to demonstrate, took precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the expected rioting.—Associated Press.

**One Killed**  
Nanking, May 20. Over 20 students were injured and an undetermined number arrested today when some 6,000 students, demonstrating against the civil war, attempted to smash their way through a cordon of military police to the National Assembly hall where the Peoples' Political Council was holding its initial meeting.  
One male student was killed in the riots, according to reports which have not yet been definitely confirmed. One girl suffered serious head injuries as a result of a beating and another student had a compound fracture of the leg bones.  
Two policemen were badly hurt when a vehicle rushing to the trouble area overturned, according to a second unconfirmed report. Late in the afternoon, the situation quieted down when a student delegation reached an agreement with Government officials.  
While an eight-man student deputation negotiated with Government officials, the mass of demonstrators stood in the streets near the National Assembly Hall a five deep line of defence—cavalry troops, holding off the students, behind them a rifle squad, unarmed gendarmes, military police and PFC guards.

**Mob Fight**  
Rioting broke out this morning when students, announcing their demands for an early end to the civil war through brightly coloured banners and shouted slogans, crashed through a triple line of military police, who stood with linked arms, cutting off the students' path to the PFC meeting hall.  
The police who numbered approximately 400 began using three-foot long clubs freely in an effort to check the surge of demonstrators, and soon the whole demonstration turned into a mob fight, in which the students came in for the same share as the mob.

The students' red cross squad rescued the wounded, two of whom were seen to be seriously hurt. Students, who could be separated from their colleagues by small knots of police and battalions of wooden staves were used to beat them. Bystanders who were young but who were not students also came in for a beating. Many of the students were overpowered by the police and taken away.

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## REPARATIONS SURPRISE

Tokyo, May 20. A statement issued through General MacArthur's headquarters only a few days before the expected arrival here of the British Reparations Mission to the effect that "only a negligible amount of war booty and looted property remains to be uncovered in Japan" has caused surprise among Allied circles, who regard it as "an unfortunate misrepresentation" of the situation.  
They pointed out that a special train, carrying representatives of the Allied nations on the Far Eastern Commission, was despatched to southern Japan recently in an attempt to recover some of this property, but it was so well hidden that the trip was regarded as a farce.—Reuter.

## New Term For British Citizens

London, May 19. An agreement has now been reached among all independent members of the British Commonwealth, including Eire, on the establishment of common Commonwealth citizenship.  
Reuter learned authoritatively today that following the Commonwealth Nationality Conference in London recently, South Africa, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Eire are now agreed upon uniform citizenship for the Commonwealth as a whole, and this means that the term "British subject" may disappear from the passports of all citizens of the Commonwealth Empire.  
Instead, there will be another term, like Citizen of the British

## Britain Living "On Tick"

London, May 20. Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, said today that the American and Canadian loans to Great Britain would be exhausted "before very long."

The statement was made in a speech to the National Federation of Women's Institutes in which Sir Stafford explained the difficulties of Britain's economic position.  
"For the moment we are living upon further loans from America and Canada but we can't go on living 'on tick' any more than your family could," he told his audience.  
Sir Stafford said, Britain is now faced with the problem of also paying off wartime debts incurred for imports from America and Canada.

"At present one-third of our imports are being paid for by loans—which means that without the loans or when they are finished, which will be before very long, and without increased exports we should only be able to import two-thirds of what we are now importing," he said, pointing out the effects of such an economic calamity, on the nation's already meagre diet.  
The only solution, he said, was to increase exports to the extent that they can balance imports and thus be the saviour of Britain when the loans are expended.  
"Like a family, if we fail, we shall go bankrupt, but we are quite determined not to become a bankrupt nation if we can avoid it, as we can if we all work together," he said.—United Press.

Commonwealth, which will guarantee the same rights and privileges now protected under the title of "British subject."—Reuter.

## DECISION ON REPARATIONS

Washington, May 20. The Far Eastern Commission, representing Britain, Russia, the United States and eight other nations, has agreed that reparations to be taken from Japan shall be distributed among the countries on the basis of damage suffered by each during the war and the contribution which each had made to defeat Japan.  
This decision has been sent to General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of the Allied forces in Japan. This decision provides the foundation for a general agreement upon which the programme for the distribution of reparations can be built.—Reuter.

## Fight On For Near East Oil

Moscow, May 19. The fight for Near East oil is now in full swing, according to Professor E. Varga, one of Russia's leading economists, who writes on the subject in today's issue of the Soviet newspaper "Pravda."

"The British are increasing the traffic capacity of the Kirkuk-Haifa pipeline by constructing a second pipeline to be ready in 1949," he says.  
"One reason for the present American activity in Palestine and Egypt is to secure ports through which oil from Saudi Arabia can be exported and used for strategic purposes."  
"There can scarcely be any doubt that the United States will use the acute economic difficulties of Great Britain in order to bring pressure to bear on her to solve in American interests the numerous questions at issue regarding oil policy in the Middle East."—Reuter.

## Persia Closes Border

TEHRAN, MAY 19. THE PERSIAN WAR MINISTRY HAS ORDERED THE SOVIET-PERSIAN FRONTIER TO BE "HERMETICALLY" CLOSED, AHMAD ARAMESH, THE PERSIAN MINISTER OF LABOUR AND PROPAGANDA, ANNOUNCED HERE TONIGHT.  
He confirmed that underground partisans in Azerbaijan have been active.  
He added, however, that "the War Ministry have the situation well in hand, and the fact that the Shah is going to Azerbaijan on May 24 is sufficient proof that the army is in control there."

Travellers have recently reported that well-armed partisans, reinforced daily by immigrants crossing the Soviet-Iran border, are organising on the pattern of the Greek guerrillas, a resistance movement against the central government.  
Their number has been estimated at 15,000 by foreign observers.  
Minister Aramesh stated that the War Ministry has now ordered the closing of the frontier to prevent further infiltration.  
The Minister disclosed that the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Sadikhov, has returned to Moscow for medical treatment and the new Soviet Charge, D'Affaires, Mr. Sillin, has arrived at Tehran.—Reuter.

**THE WEATHER**  
Information sparse. A weak anticyclone is centred over Japan. The depression over S. Britain is moving eastward. Pressure has fallen again in the orbit of the Gulf of Mexico.  
Today's forecast—light or moderate S.W. wind, with showers or squalls.  
Yesterday's weather—light S.W. wind, with showers.  
Maximum 62.8, Min. 54.8, Sunshine 144, Sea 4, Fog 1, Rainfall 0.0, Humidity 74, Total snow 0.0, Ice 0.0, Wind gust 10.0, Wind direction S.W., Wind force 2.  
Forecast for 24 hours—light S.W. wind, with showers or squalls.  
Maximum 62.8, Min. 54.8, Sunshine 144, Sea 4, Fog 1, Rainfall 0.0, Humidity 74, Total snow 0.0, Ice 0.0, Wind gust 10.0, Wind direction S.W., Wind force 2.

## Miners Do Their Stuff

London, May 20. British coal miners in the second week of their new five-day work week increased production to better their old six-day week. Minister of Fuel and Power Emmanuel Shinwell reported today.  
He announced that 4,050,800 tons were mined in the week ending May 17. In the previous week—the first of the five-day week—the miners produced 3,755,100 tons.  
For the week ending May 13 last year, production was 3,048,500 tons, Mr. Shinwell said.—Associated Press.

## TAX DEMANDS GOING OUT

The newly created Inland Revenue Department is going rapidly ahead with measures for the collection of the taxes authorised by the "Income Tax" Ordinance.  
A plain-language summary of the Ordinance is being printed in English and Chinese, and it is hoped to include a copy with most return forms to assist taxpayers to understand their possible liability.

The printing of Property Tax Demand Notes is almost complete. Within a few days they will go to the Treasury where they will be completed from the Rates Roll.  
Owing to the destruction of the addressograph machines formerly in use in the Treasury and the non-arrival so far of the new machines, this will have to be done by hand and will probably take at least one month.

**Employers' Returns**  
Forms issued in relation to Salaries Tax were all sent out yesterday. As and when they are received back in the Department duly completed, the necessary personal Salaries Tax Return Forms will be sent out.  
The first of these may be expected to be issued within the next fortnight.  
Cards similar to the E.R. Forms have already been sent to all Government Departments and some have been returned completed.  
Salaries Tax Return Forms will be issued in those cases within a few days.  
Persons who do not receive a Salaries and Annuities Tax Return Form by the end of June are expected to apply for one to the Inland Revenue Department.

Similarly, recipients of Annuities are required to fill in one of these Return Forms. They should apply to the Inland Revenue Department for the necessary forms.

**Profits Tax**  
The task of opening some thousands of files for potential Profits Tax payers is already half complete. Return Forms have been printed and the first issue will take place this week. It is anticipated that within three weeks, all Return Forms will have been sent out. A circular is being issued to companies on the subject of deduction of tax from dividends.

None of those on board are in danger, and attempts are being made by a lighter to take off sugar which was lidded in northern Australian ports to lighten the ship.  
Efforts to refloat the stranded vessel were made during a flood tide, and with higher tides unlikely, and the water calm and flat, it was thought that the light remain immovable.—Reuter.

The procedure for the control and collection of Interest Tax has now been considered, but the initiative is with the taxpayer who is required by the Ordinance to deduct tax from interest paid and to hand it over to the Inland Revenue Department "forthwith" without waiting for a Demand Note to be issued by the Department.

The Board of Inland Revenue has not yet been officially appointed but drafts have already been prepared for rules dealing with a number of items such as Rates of Depreciation, ascertainment of profits of non-resident banks, whilst the question of the capital element in an annuity which is not subject to tax has been under discussion with local insurance companies and rules will be prescribed when the Board of inland Revenue functions.

## SHIP FROM H.K. ASHORE

Brisbane, May 20. The freighter Incheikh, 4,260 tons, is aground today on a narrow island eight miles from Lucinda Point near Ingham, Queensland.  
Efforts to refloat her under her own steam have so far been unsuccessful.  
The Incheikh has been chartered from the owners, Williamson and Company of Hongkong, by the Australian Shipping Board and was on her way from Hongkong to Sydney.—Associated Press.  
The Incheikh has 50 people on board.

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4. Applicants for Tender Forms  
are required to deposit \$100.00  
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10% deposit required to be re-  
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5. The \$100.00 deposits made by  
contractors not eventually win-  
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against receipt in the Board's  
office of the original Tender  
Form issued.

6. Closing date for tenders:—12  
Noon, Thursday, 20th May, 1947.

7. The Chairman of the British  
Stores Disposal Board (Hong  
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accept the highest or any tender.

WALTER M.  
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Chairman,  
BRITISH STORES  
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## R.A.F. OFFICER ACQUITTED

### Incident On The "Night Star"

Shing Mun Valves Stolen

During the last six months the Water Authorities had twice to replace an outlet valve, each valued at \$1,000, at the Shing Mun Water Works, while the third one (a cast-iron 18-inch affair) was again stolen on May 19, according to DSI Roberts when he prosecuted two Chinese before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday for the larceny of the valve.

Sin Fai, charged with the larceny and possession of a hammer and saw, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour, and Sin Shek-hi was sent to penal servitude for six months (to be followed by expulsion from the Colony) on the larceny charge.

DSI Roberts informed the Court that at 11.30 a.m. on May 19, Lo Lam and Lau Mau, two coolies employed at the Shek Li Pui filter beds, saw the two accused carrying a sack each.

When defendants were stopped and searched, several broken parts of a cast-iron 18-inch water valve were found inside the sacks, while the hammer and saw were discovered inside one of valve parts in Sin Fai's sack.

They were brought to the office of Superintendent Dinman who, on making inquiries, found that an outlet valve from the Shing Mun Water Works had been smashed from its concrete foundations. The broken pieces found in the possession of the accused were identified as parts of that valve.

In asking for a heavy penalty, DSI Roberts pointed out that the valve was valued at \$1,000 and was the third one to be placed there by the Water Authorities during the last six months. The broken pieces were merely sold as scrap iron, concluded DSI Roberts.

**Funeral**

The funeral of the late Mr. Alexander A. Greenewich, who died at the Queen Mary Hospital on Monday night after a heart attack, took place yesterday afternoon at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley.

The late Mr. Greenewich was violinist and saxophonist with the George Parks Orchestra at the Gloucester Hotel. He is survived by a widow, his son, the late Mr. Vladimir Greenewich, having been killed in the defence of Hong Kong in December, 1941, while serving with the Mobile Coy, H.K.V.D.C.

Members of the George Parks Orchestra acted as pall-bearers. Among those present at the funeral were Father Dimitri Usperovsky, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Pokrovsky, Mrs. V. N. Vargassoff, Mr. George Parks, Miss Janet Node, Mme. Olofinsky, Mr. M. Mihalev, Mr. A. Kurrik, Mrs. L. Zaharoff, Mme. Anzenorow, Mme. de Wit, Mrs. Remedios Grefolda, Mrs. Dora Munslow, Messrs. Monson, Florence Temponeko, Mesias, Arcon, and Abraham.

Wreaths were sent by Lila and George Parks, Michael and Olga Mihalev, Dr. and Mrs. V.N. Vargassoff, Mrs. Grefolda and Mrs. Ray, A.P. Thachenko and family, Mr. and Mrs. Delahanty, Mrs. Dora Munslow, Mrs. Y. Firshin. Followed by members of the Gloucester Hotel Orchestra, The Gloucester Hotel, and the Hong Kong Musicians Union.

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**BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES**

"I feel we must accept the coxswain's evidence that he was in control of the situation (which, of course, includes his ability at all material times to direct the engine room to bring the vessel to a standstill, a matter which has not been questioned by either side). He saw nothing dangerous in the manner he passed the 'Northern Star' and the Wharf and brought the vessel to a standstill eventually."

The above formed part of the written judgment delivered by Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday in favour of Flying Officer A.F. Dorward charged with piloting the Star Ferry launch "Night Star" to the danger and inconvenience of the passengers on board and to the danger of other craft in the Harbour at 1.30 a.m. on May 4.

Defendant, represented by Mr. G.S. Hugh-Jones, was given the benefit of the doubt and discharged. Inspector J. Orem prosecuted.

After a lengthy review of the evidence adduced by both the prosecution and the defence, His Worship said, in part:

**No Corroboration**

"Having heard Mr. Rothwell's evidence first, what struck me very forcibly in this case was the complete absence of corroboration by both the coxswain and his assistant. Both these latter witnesses saw nothing very unusual or dangerous in the entire incident."

"Although pressed by both counsel and the Court, at no time did they consider that this vessel was, in fact, in any danger whatever."

"According to them, they were in command of the situation throughout the crossing and successfully prevented any interference with the navigation of the vessel."

"While I do not discount to any extent Mr. Rothwell's evidence in this connection, I am puzzled at the discrepancy between his and all other witnesses' evidence about the manner the four Europeans left the wheelhouse. He says the accused stayed for some time after the others. All other witnesses, both prosecution and defence, say they all left more or less together."

"While I do not wish that he feel that his evidence is discredited in any way, I do feel that a rather important part of his evidence, in the light of the evidence of the coxswain and his assistant, must be taken to be merely what his impressions were of what might have happened."

**Doubt**

"I do feel that if there ever had been any real danger to this vessel some appreciation of that danger must surely have been felt by the coxswain, the man on whose shoulders was placed the sole responsibility for its safe navigation."

"Again, no one was called from the 'Northern Star' or the wharf to give their impressions of what they saw and if Inspector Cowie's evidence can be taken to be representative of the impressions of the passengers of the 'Night Star', it would appear that they did not consider they were in any danger nor put to any inconvenience."

"I have no doubt at all the accused and his associates did enter the wheelhouse, that they did interfere with the navigation of this vessel by their very presence there and that two of them, including the accused, did interfere with the steering mechanism."

"And I find from the record in this case that the accused and three others have already been convicted and punished by my brother-Magistrate, Mr. Latimer, on May 12."

"But from all the evidence in this case, I am in 'more' than reasonable doubt whether, at any time, the accused took charge and piloted the vessel to the danger and inconvenience of the public carried thereon and to the danger of other craft."

"I am bound therefore to resolve that doubt in favour of the accused and he is accordingly acquitted and discharged."

## Street Ice-Cream Danger

The danger of purchasing ice-cream and ice-candies from itinerant hawkers was again forcibly brought to the attention of the public by Senior Inspector Sheriff of the Health Department at Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr's Court at Kowloon yesterday.

When Fung Kai, 20, appeared before His Worship charged with the unlawful manufacture of ice-cream and ice-candies at 9 Boundary Street, ground floor, on May 19, SI Sheriff informed the Court that the "factory" occupied partly bombed premises and was in an "indescribably filthy condition."

In asking for a severe penalty S/I Sheriff stated that the Health Department took a very serious view of the case as this type of offenders was very difficult to catch as they move from place to place.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$300, or four months' hard labour, and, on the application of S/I Sheriff, ordered the confiscation to the Urban Council of the six ice boxes, three wooden trays, one ice machine, and two wooden boxes seized.

## Kowloon Opium Cases

DSI Roberts and a party of Chinese detectives were responsible for the appearance of Lui Kwan and Wong On before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, charged with being keepers of opium divans and possession of prepared opium.

SI Walter Collins, prosecuting, stated that Lui, occupied the verandah of 127 Yee Kuk Street, first floor, paying \$30 per month as rent. At the time of the raid, three pipes and three lamps, 1.1 mace of prepared opium, and one smoker were found on the premises.

Lui was fined a total of \$220, or three months' hard labour, while his customer was mulcted in the sum of \$15.

Wong On's divan, according to SI Collins, occupied the cockpit of 180 Tai Nam Street, ground floor, the rental for which was also \$30 per month.

There were two large beds, three lamps and three pipes and 1.4 mace of prepared opium on the premises when it was raided at 8.20 p.m. on May 19.

Wong, who had two previous convictions including one of 10 years' banishment (expired), was fined \$370 or four months' penal servitude. The three smoker's ball of \$25 each were retained on their falling to appear in Court.

On the application of S/I Collins, notice of the conviction in both cases will be served on the respective principal tenants.

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## Stay Of Execution Granted

The "China Mail" has been informed that, pending the result of an appeal to the Privy Council, a stay of execution has been granted in the case of Chau Loung-fon, who was sentenced to death by Mr. Justice E.H. Williams (Pulene Judge), at the Criminal Sessions on March 4.

The "China Mail" has also been informed that all papers in connection with the appeal to the Privy Council have already been forwarded by Messrs. Hastings & Co., solicitors, to their London agents.

It will be recalled that Chau was found guilty of the murder of Yeung Wing-yeo alias "Snake" Yeung in Peiho Street on Nov. 23, as a result of alleged improper relationships between the latter and Chau's wife.

Chau appealed against the sentence of death which had been passed on him on the ground that under the laws and customs of his native village, a husband, in the case of adultery, has a right and a duty to kill his wife and the adulterer, Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, in dismissing the appeal, held that the laws and customs of a man's native place in China which conferred on him such rights was no defence to a charge of murder in this Colony, because the law in this Colony was the English law and not the Chinese.

Following upon the dismissal of the appeal, the local Chiu Chow Association petitioned Government for clemency on behalf of Chau.

**FAILED TO APPEAR**

Bail of \$50 by Yan Wang-fai, described as an overseas merchant, was retained when he failed to appear before Mr. Latimer to answer the charge of conveying 12 letters into the Colony at 12.50 p.m. on May 19.

According to Inspector J. Orem, all the letters were found to be of either personal or commercial correspondence.

On her plea of "not guilty" to the charge of keeping a common gaming house at 43 Reclamation Street, first floor, being accepted by DSI R. B. Davies, Chan Yee, 40, widow, was fined \$25 by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for the possession of 24 "po pu" lottery tickets, valued at \$17.50, on May 19. The tickets were ordered to be destroyed.

The well-known British journalist and M.P., Mr. Vernon Bartlett was the guest of honour at a Chinese tea party given at the Cafe de Chine, on Monday afternoon by Mr. Li Ta Chao.

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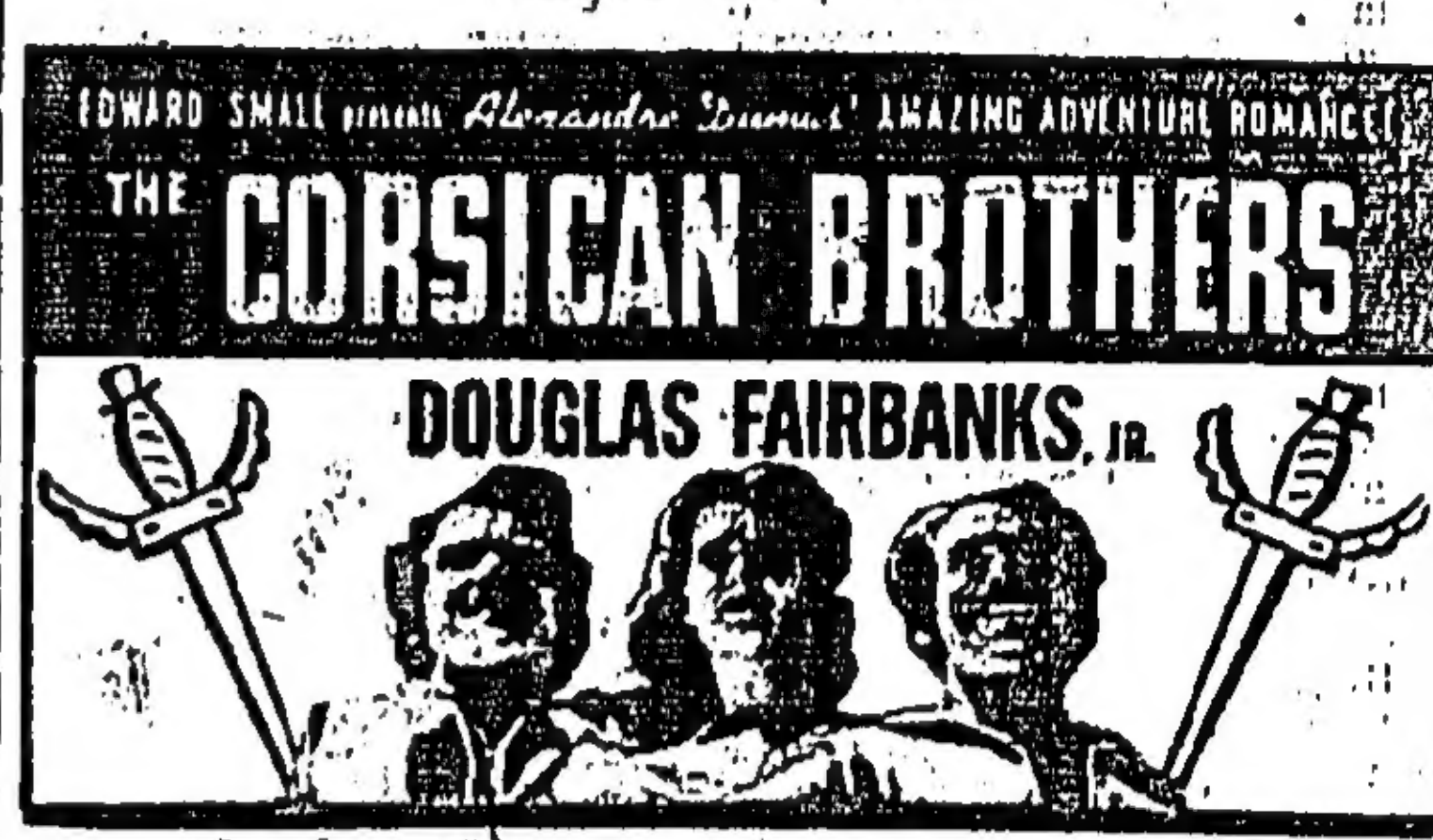
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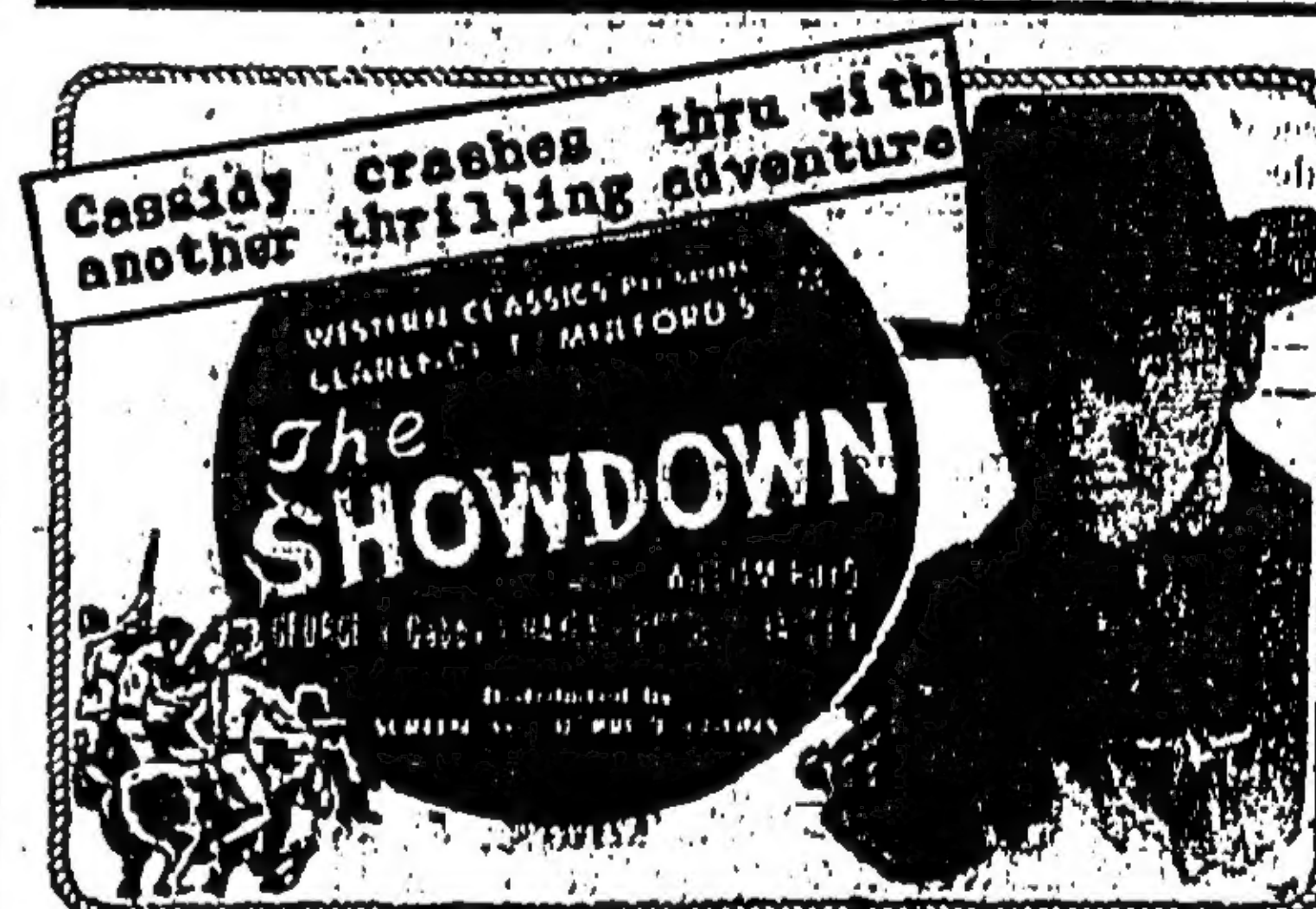
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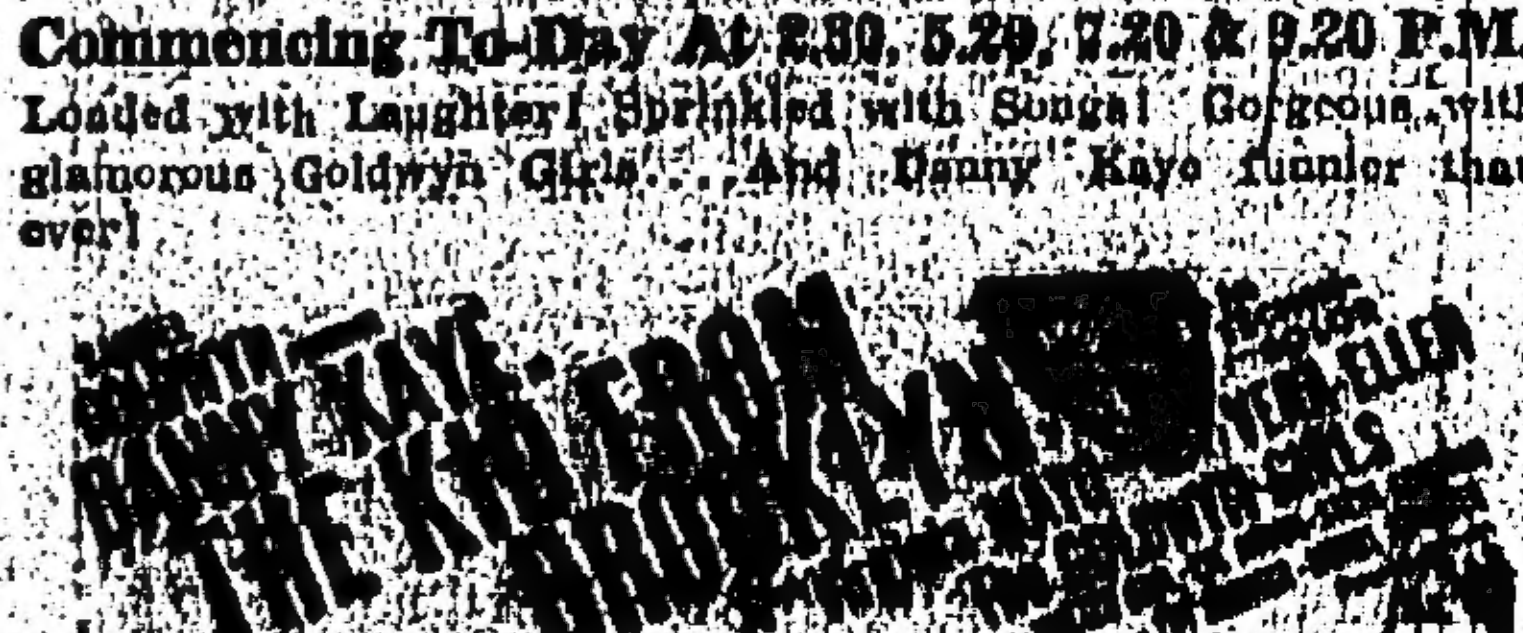
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GETTING DOWN  
TO CASES

The primary disagreement that is blocking progress toward a United Nations police force concerns bases. The Security Council taking up where the Big Five Military Committee left off, have to decide between America's contention that central bases of operation must be provided by the several nations, and Russia's position that each nation should husband its own forces except when they are on a mission. Because capitulation would involve the relinquishment of a large degree of individual sovereignty, Russia may be expected to hold her ground with the same stubbornness she has demonstrated on the inspection aspect of the atomic control problem. And because this surrender of sovereignty is an absolute requisite to the effectiveness of a world police force, and therefore the United Nations, Britain and America will have to press for modification of the Russian view, with whatever patience and persuasiveness they can bring to bear, but with relentless determination. Granting that the United Nations must be something more than a parliamentary forum of the League of Nations variety if it is to be an effective and lasting instrument for world peace, the logic of the position taken by the United States, Britain, China and France is unanswerable. Without common bases in which to train, the national components of the police force would remain separate, uncoordinated little armies, lacking either the physical or spiritual quality of team play necessary for effectiveness. And without strategically situated take-off points, it would require the police force as long to assemble and reach the danger spot as would be required to wage and terminate an atomic war of the future. Clearly, a world police force would be worse than useless if it were ineffectual, because a single failure of the force to perform an assigned task would make a laughing stock of the United Nations and destroy its chances of reaching maturity. It is also clear that the conditions Russia would impose would prevent the development of an effective police force. The reason for the Russian objections is manifestly the same as her reason for opposing international atomic inspection—she is unwilling to concede, even on a reciprocal basis, the 'success' of foreigners to any part of the Russian domain. The pattern of this philosophy is discernible wherever Russians are in control. It is the iron curtain, hanging impervious across the road to world understanding and co-operation. The very presence of the curtain dictates the course to be followed. To proceed with plans for a world force along the lines Russia has stipulated would speed the end of the United Nations. Rather than set up a police organization condemned in its very conception to failure, it would be better to prevent the establishment of a world police force. The purpose of the United Nations is to keep the peace of the world, but the establishment of that peace is the function of the several nations, and until that basic job is done, there is no peace to keep. Under the present system of conflict at every point between the West and Russia there is no possibility of building and strengthening the United Nations, either through a world police force or by any other means. Until peace is brought about, through co-operation, compromise and a genuine spirit of give and take, it is visionary to talk about either a world force or the peace it is supposed to maintain.

The Holiday Feeling Begins  
To Settle On LondonBy  
JOHN SHIPTON

Despite Mr. Dalton, rationing, queues, and a few other trials in this island of ours, there seems to be quite a happy-go-lucky atmosphere now the fresh May days are here. But it is not only the weather that has been responsible for this remarkable change of mind. Yes, you've guessed it, it's that holiday feeling. In every city office there is the inevitable holiday guide. Already camps, hotels, and boarding houses are telling prospective clients they are full from July to August, but as almost every person in the country is trying to get away somewhere it is likely soon to be a case of no more customers wanted from May to October. Reason, of course, is holidays with pay, for there are very few firms in Britain nowadays, even in the Army, who do not make this concession. Holidays with pay is only one reason why holiday camps are in such great demand. People have the money with their two or three weeks extra salary, bonus, too. In most cases, the food problem is solved by expert caterers, and even the young children have their own nurseries and attendants. This leaves mother and father to take that well-needed rest, knowing the youngsters are in good hands. I was an early convert to one of these holiday camps. First well do I remember my first visit! It was a civil service camp on the east coast. After a full round of activities during the day, organised for you if it was desired, the evening's festivities started with a dance. First item on the programme was a spot waltz, and the winners, usually half a dozen young couples, had to patrol the camp grounds listening for restless babies in the various huts. They reported back to the MC, who then made an announcement over the microphone. That was a long time ago. Now most British camps employ "aunts" and "uncles" to look after the younger element. These holiday camps provide a truly wonderful insight into our way of life—they entertained millions last year—and from all reports they seem destined to enjoy an even bigger boom this year.

## First Holiday

Britain's holidaymakers will be starting their season in earnest this week with the first holiday of the summer starting with Whit Sunday, May 26, and every little hamlet has made its own plans with a festival of sport and pleasure. Good news for travellers is that seats for

100 Years  
Ago Today

(From the files of the "China Mail," May 21, 1947.)

In pursuance of a Public notice a General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hong Kong Ice Company was held at the House of Messrs. Dent & Co.

It was proposed by Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Fletcher that Mr. Mercer be appointed to take the chair.

Proposed by Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously—That the affairs of the Hong Kong Ice Company being in such an unsatisfactory position, an immediate call be made upon the shareholders for the purpose of liquidating a portion of the Balance due to the Treasurers.

(Excerpts from the "Peking Gazette" as reprinted in the "China Mail")

The Board of Rites memorializes stating that in 1841 and 1842 that province suffered from inundations and that the harvest for several years has not been abundant. Last year the wheat crop from want of rain and snow could not be sown which increased their calamities. In the spring of the present year rain fell and people's minds became more composed, but there was very little rain and the earth became dried, and rent with extraordinary heat, so the crops died, and that excepting for one district or two the crops have been a total failure, and the most deplorable state prevails.

## Silver Lining

Even after Britain have had their holiday there is sure to be a little left over for the National Savings Association "Silver Lining" campaign—thanks to post-war credits. The huge sum of £366,000,000, which it is hoped to raise by the campaign, is £200,000,000 less than last year. The target, given by Sir Harold Mackintosh, chairman of the National Savings Committee, is £1,000,000 a day, for, as he says in his report, "A million a day keeps inflation away." Everybody connected with the movement is confident the target as last year, will easily be passed. No wonder! There's a nationwide vogue of campaigners and almost every street has its National Savings workers.

A first class controversy has been started by the plan, to which I referred last week, for a big extension of the power station on Bankside facing St. Paul's Cathedral. Many MPs

are against the proposal. After criticism by several Conservatives in a recent House of Commons session, Mr. Manning, Epping's Socialist member, pointed out that bombing had at least given Londoners an appreciation of the full beauty of St. Paul's and it would be a pity if this was put at a disadvantage. Mr. Lewis Silkin, Minister of Town and Country Planning, has agreed to meet objectors to the new power station. I'll keep you posted on all the moves.

## The Christian Commandos

And I must tell you about the Commandos. No, I don't mean those brave souls who did such a grand job of work during the war, but people of equal courage—the Christian Commandos of Great Britain. After a most successful provincial tour they have started the capital by appearing in pubs, clubs, cinemas, canteens, hospitals, prisons, schools, and in the open air, notably at Hyde Park, where I first heard their message. More than 3,000 young men and women are taking part in the campaign which opened recently with a service in the Royal Albert Hall. The aim of these Christian Commandos is to bridge what they call the gulf between the church and the people, the armchair and the altar. They are supported by the Protestant churches, have the sympathy of the Roman Catholics, and altogether have had a good Press. These Commandos have certainly been putting their message across. They include priests, lay preachers, doctors, lawyers, politicians, and even publicans, who believe that in the Christian message lies the solution to world problems and difficulties. Since nations are merely collections of individuals, they assert, it is with individuals that the solution will be found. Londoners have taken these new Commandos to their hearts and the interest and co-operation shown by employers is a pointer to their success. The campaign lays emphasis on the need for a Christian attitude to every facet of life, and could well adopt for its slogan, so great is the cause: "It's not in

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Russia's War Suffering  
Shows In Moscow

Washington, May 15. A young Russian girl was talking. She said: "But the Russian people do not want war. Why do not the Americans cooperate?"

She was an interpreter for the visitors. During the war she had tried unsuccessfully to join the Red Army as many other Russian

girls had done. But she was sent back from the front as too young. She then went to work in war plants in the Urals. Her outburst about war was not unusual. Most Russians seem to have the same sentiments—they say the Russians do not want war, but the Americans do. What was unusual was her emotional tone and the fact that she had been until then one of the most shy of the Russians working with foreigners. Until she made that statement, she hardly spoke unless addressed. Most discouraging was that my reply—that neither the American people nor their government wanted war, but feared that the present Soviet policy would lead to it—made no impression.

There are probably two reasons why the average Russians feel as they do. Firstly, the incessant Russian propaganda along that line, secondly the vivid reminders of the terrible beating taken in the last war before victory was won.

Thus the attitude of this girl is not surprising. The Russians have been convinced by the Soviet press that the western capitalist nations are bent on the encirclement and isolation of Russia—even if it means war.

They are told that what Americans call "communist expansion" is Soviet efforts towards security. They believe that the United States, which suffered no physical destruction at home is determined to deprive Russia of her justifiable claims.

Memories of the suffering by Russians in the last war are paramount. The streets of Moscow are filled with reminders of the war—thousands of demobilized soldiers still wearing their uniforms, stripped of insignia. They are having a difficult time becoming readjusted to peace. There are hundreds of crippled veterans, but very few with artificial limbs. Beggars on the streets rush to foreigners for alms.

Life in Moscow, by American standards, is dismal and dreary. But, as in New York, London, Paris and other world capitals, the major preoccupation of the man in the street is the difficult struggle for food, clothing and housing and the hope that a long peace will give him and his country time to improve the average man's lot.

Bookstores and newspaper and magazine stalls are jammed with people. The average Muscovite has an unquenchable thirst for reading matter. Despite the beggars, one sees few delinquent children or drunks in Moscow streets. The children are almost without exception well clothed. They share the privileged status with soldiers on clothing.

The Russians are rude, by nature. They push to get into subways, buses and buildings. There are frequent fights about who is first in line where Russians queue up, whether for transportation, food, newspapers or theatre tickets.—United Press.

by R.H. SHACKFORD

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## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I understand she's listed under 'Incidentals' in his expense account!"

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

NOTHING  
PREDICTABLE

There is nothing predictable with all four players possess unbalanced distributions, consisting of long suits and short suits, with none of them fitting too well. Even with the best class of players competing, there is nothing standing about the action taken by the various participants. Ordinarily, the better the players, the more careful they become when they find a likely misfit for all concerned. If one of them learns about a single well-fitting suit, then he may bid strongly, but not otherwise.

S. A. K. 6 4 2  
H. A. 10 7  
D. 10 2  
C. A. 9 8

S. None  
H. K. Q. J  
D. K. 6 2  
C. J. 10 7  
4 3 2

N  
W  
E  
S

S. Q. 10 9 8  
H. 5 3  
D. H. None  
C. K. Q. 7 3  
C. K. Q. 6

(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable.)

West	North	East	South
1. Pass	1 S	Pass	Pass
2. Pass	1 S	Pass	Pass
3. Pass	1 S	Pass	Pass
4. Pass	1 S	Pass	Pass

These are just two of the bidding sequences on this deal. Other tables in the big duplicate deal entirely different things, with identical action not coming at any two tables. There were cases where West bid clubs on his first chance to overcall the 1-Spade, also those where he bid hearts.

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mortals to command success, but we'll do more—deserve it."

Gordon's Chance

Providing all goes well with horse and jockey, Gordon Richards, for so many years Britain's champion jockey, will realize this year his greatest ambition—that of riding a Derby winner. Tudor Minstrel, whom he will ride at Epsom on June 7, is said to be the horse of the century following his amazing victory in the 2,000 Guineas—he won by eight lengths, with Gordon patting his mount's neck as he passed the winning post—and he is now the hottest Derby favourite since Bahram won the race in 1935 at the odds of 5-4. Tudor Minstrel is owned by Mr. John Dewar, trained

by Fred Darling at Beekhampton, and is by the 1941 Derby winner, Owen Tudor. Indeed, it is quite on the cards that Darling will again have the first and second in the premier British classic for he also trains the King's great colt, Blue Train, who did not run in the Guineas. Blue Train is also said to be a wonderful horse and it will be one of the turf's great misfortunes if Gordon happens to choose the wrong one to ride again this year.

Film of the week is "The Farmer's Daughter," a "Mr. Deeds" type of comedy, in which Loretta Young and Joseph Cotton glide their way through a series of episodes in the life of a Congressman with polished ease. Definitely light entertainment.

How should East count up his hand if considering a 4-Spade pre-emptive bid?

(Dealer: North. Both sides vulnerable.)

S. 8 6  
H. K. Q. 6 4  
D. A. 10 5 4  
C. 10 9 8

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## Small Businessmen's Protest Gesture

### Scientists Watch The Eclipse

Rio de Janeiro, May 19. Twenty-four hours before eclipse time the weather at observation points in Brazil was crystal clear and Brazilians, inveterate gamblers, were laying odds of four to one that skies would be clear for the critical four minutes of the total eclipse tomorrow.

Clear skies tomorrow (Tuesday) would mean that scientists of 13 nations would win their own \$50,000 gamble. That is the estimated total cost of bringing expeditions to Brazil and installing them at Araxa and Bocanov. Cloudy skies could negative almost the entire project, which has taken months to prepare, and would mean only limited observations from aircraft could be made and these only by Americans—the sole party equipped with aircraft.

Radio "soundings" of the ionized upper layers of the earth's atmosphere also would be unaffected by the weather—the Russians and Americans are particularly interested in this department. —Reuter.

### Fears Of General Strike

Paris, May 19. Premier Paul Ramadier's wage policy, under incessant fire from strikers all over the country, faced today a new threat as 18,000 small businessmen met at the Palais des Sports in Paris to protest against the State-controlled economy.

Speakers for the Small Businessmen's Federation warned that "if Government remains deaf to our appeals, action will replace persuasion."

The meeting coincided with the daylong strike of dockers in France and North Africa, which paralyzed France's maritime trade.

The three main points of the businessmen's demands were: firstly, a coherent price policy; secondly, full economic liberty in all branches where production equals demand; thirdly, reduction of taxes, which the men say are so heavy that small business faces ruin.

They envisaged calling a "warning" strike which would see a virtual shutdown of France's retail trade.

The Confederation represents 55 per cent of the country's production and 95 per cent of distributing agencies, such as stores.

It is believed the Confederation will order all small businesses to close for 24 hours as from two p.m. June 4.

Freight handling in all stations in the Paris area was at a standstill today, as several thousand stevedores staged a 24-hour token strike, demanding higher wages.

### Power Strike Threat

Gravest of the threats that weigh on the country, however, is the possibility of a general gas and electricity strike, slated for Wednesday night.

The Electric Light and Gas Workers Federation has announced that "if the government does not give a satisfactory reply to the demands which have been up for consideration for the past six months," by Wednesday night a "definite strike order will be put into effect."

Dropping all pretence of wishing to break the strike wave, officials of the CGT labour organization yesterday bluntly told the government that the idea of a general strike had not been abandoned.

### Fateful Thursday

Thursday will be a particularly fateful day as leaders of the Paris area's metallurgical unions go to the Ministry of Labour to hear the government's counter-proposals to their demands for a ten francs per hour production bonus.

It was widely feared that the metal workers, tired of the long-drawn-out negotiations and in repressive mood, might call a new strike unless given what they consider satisfaction. Such action would deal a shattering blow to France's automobile and metal industries.

In the north of France, there was little change in the situation, as thousands of textile workers continued to strike, principally in the Hainaut, Armentieres and Tourcoing districts. At Roubaix, important textile town and big brewing centre, brewers' employees continued their three-day strike. —United Press.

### KING TO VISIT AUSTRALIA?

London, May 19. Britain's Royal Family may visit Australia and New Zealand next year, probably in the autumn, the London "Evening Standard" said tonight.

According to the newspaper, it was stated at Australia House today that the Government concerned were in favour of the visit, and Australia was anxious that it should take place. Discussions are being held to fix details. —Reuter.

### British Approach To U.S.

London, May 19.

Major Christopher Mayhew, Foreign Undersecretary, told the Commons today that Britain had made repeated representations to the United States concerning the activities of the American League for Free Palestine.

No reply had been received, Major Mayhew said.

Asked: "Do you know the detailed nature of the activities and are you aware that the organization has pledged itself to raise \$250,000 before July 4 in order to reinforce the underground resistance movement against British law in Palestine?"

Major Mayhew: "Yes, sir. We are aware of these activities and are following them closely, making our views very plain about them to the State Department." —United Press.

### OFFICER ON CHARGE

Washington, May 20.

The Navy announced today the trial of Lieutenant Commander Edward N. Little on charges of "misconduct" of fellow prisoners when senior officer in a Japanese prison camp.

The court-martial had been going on for two months behind closed doors at a naval gun factory here. —Associated Press.

## Communist Party Backs Nitti

(From John Talbot, Reuters Correspondent)

Rome, May 19.

An early end to Italy's political crisis was forecast today by the Communist leader, Signor Palmiro Togliatti, after seeing Signor Francesco Nitti, who is trying to form a Cabinet.

"We spoke of the political composition of the Government and its programme," the Communist leader said. "We are now at the stage where it can be hoped for an early resolution of the present crisis. The Communist Party has not made any objections regarding participation of other parliamentary groups."

Signor Nitti was asked by President Enrico de Nicola on Friday to try to form a government to replace the four-month-old coalition of Signor Alcide De Gasperi, which resigned last Monday.

Signor Giuseppe Saragat, leader of the dissident Socialists who last January broke away from the main party, did not see Signor Nitti today, but it is known that he is holding out for the formation of a special "Economic Cabinet" within the new government which will have the specific task of directing the country's economy and finances.

Doubt about the support

## BANKSIDE POWER STATION CONTROVERSY

London, May 19.

There was no substance in the persistent argument that the proposed Bankside generating plant across the Thames River from St. Paul's Cathedral will either compete with or interfere with London's famous landmark, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Jowitt, stated in the House of Lords today when replying to a debate on the merits of the Government's decision to build the electricity power station in the heart of London.

Britain must have more generators, Lord Jowitt said, to meet a demand which was mounting by 200,000 kilowatts a year in London.

Five riverside sites, including Bankside and Rotherhithe, the site rejected two years ago, could be needed. From 1,200,000 to 1,500,000 kilowatts of plant must be provided by 1950.

The only conceivable argument, Lord Jowitt said, was the danger of sulphur fumes. A decision to change from coal to oil would cost more than £400,000 a year, but it would be worth it. The plant would be clean and noiseless. But if it was found that sulphur fumes would not be eliminated, as experts believed, then there would be a real case against the scheme. This problem was being examined.

It was quite possible, Lord Jowitt added, that the new structure would be beautiful.

The debate was initiated by Lord Llewellyn, Conservative Peer and wartime Minister of Food, who declared that the decision to build the station, the first of a series, would mean the loss of an opportunity to build a more beautiful London, out of the ruins and devastation

caused by the war.

The plant would be an "alligator in a lily pond."

Lord Samuel, Liberal Peer, quoted figures to show that the proposed plant—515 feet long and 87 feet high—would be nine-tenths the length of the Cathedral itself, half the length of the House of Parliament, seven feet taller than the average height of the Parliament buildings, almost as high as Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square, and exactly the height of Big Ben Clock tower.

The south bank of the Thames, he said, was "a huddle of wretched buildings and a desolation of tidal mud and poor-class property" which the new plan of the London County Council would have done away with but which the new plant would rob of the chance to be a rival to the historic north bank. —Reuter.

### Doubts In Indonesia

Macassar, Celebes, May 19.

Dr. Louis Beel, the Dutch Prime Minister, who is now visiting Indonesia, said today that he regretted very much that Republican statements about East Indonesia and the Netherlands "have often caused me to doubt seriously their preparedness to cooperate."

"This doubt must not be allowed to continue," he added. Dr. Beel emphasised that the Netherlands Government was maintaining the principles of the Linggadjati Agreement in setting up the United States of Indonesia in union with the Dutch crown.

Reuter adds that Mohammed Nasir, the Indonesian Minister of Information, at the weekend accused the Dutch of violating this agreement by forming the state of West Borneo and preparing to form the state of East Borneo with a similar status, concerning which the Indonesian Republic had not been consulted. —Reuter.

### Burma Oath Of Loyalty

Rangoon, May 19.

U Aungmye and other representatives of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League elected to the Burmese Constituent Assembly pledged an "oath of loyalty to the country and the people" at the AFFFL which opened here today.

This convention of Burma's premier political party will discuss and adopt fundamentals of the nation's future constitution to be finally passed by the full Constituent Assembly, scheduled to meet on June 10.

Today's inaugural address by U Aungmye is the main item of tomorrow's agenda. —Reuter.

### Barcelona Bomb

Madrid, May 19.

A bomb exploded during Saturday night on a window ledge at the Military Governor's office in Barcelona, where General Francisco Franco is paying a visit, it was disclosed here today. Some structural damage was done, but there were no casualties.

The Spanish police claimed today that they had captured the man who last Thursday shot at two civil guards, a Customs officer and a passerby after a time-bomb had been seized from him in Barcelona.

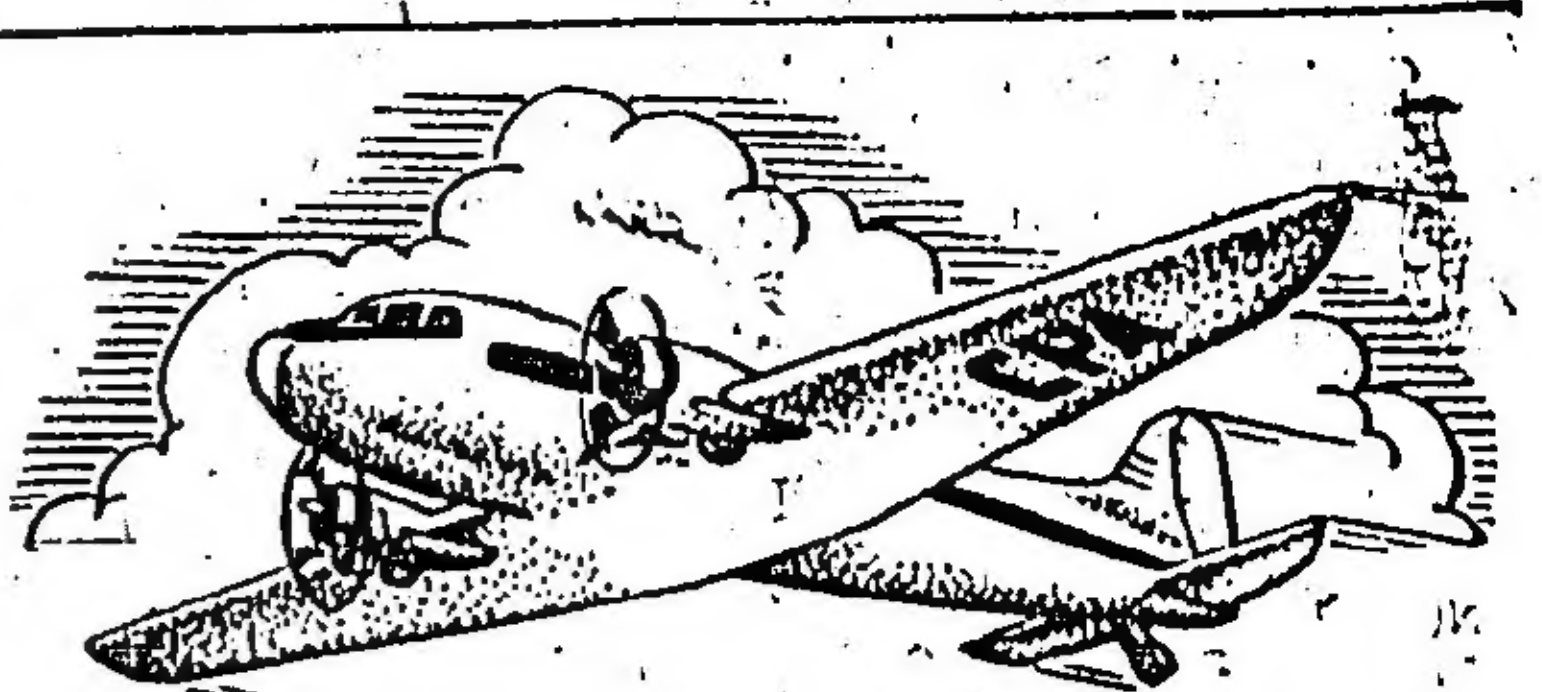
The police said they were taking the strictest precautions against terrorist acts during General Franco's stay in Barcelona. —Reuter.

### RED THREAT IN RANGOON

Rangoon, May 19.

Three thousand Communists, armed with pointed bamboo, are encamped in the great Buddhist shrine at Pegu, 40 miles north of Rangoon, demanding immediate release of their comrades arrested for complicity in large-scale rice rioting.

The Communists are threatening "direct action" if their comrades are not released by the authorities. —Reuter.



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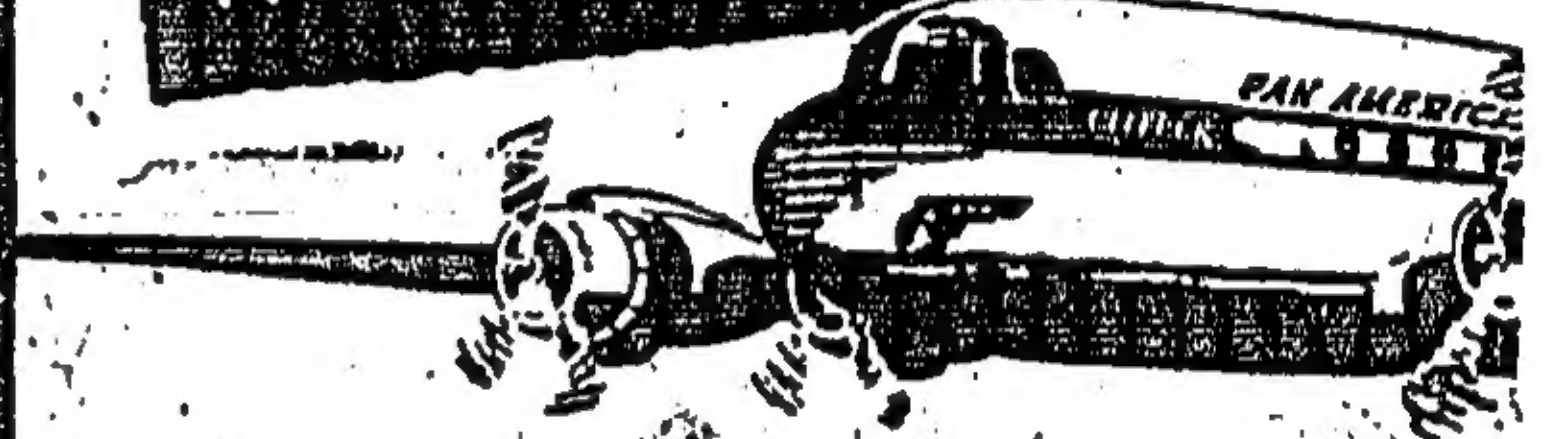
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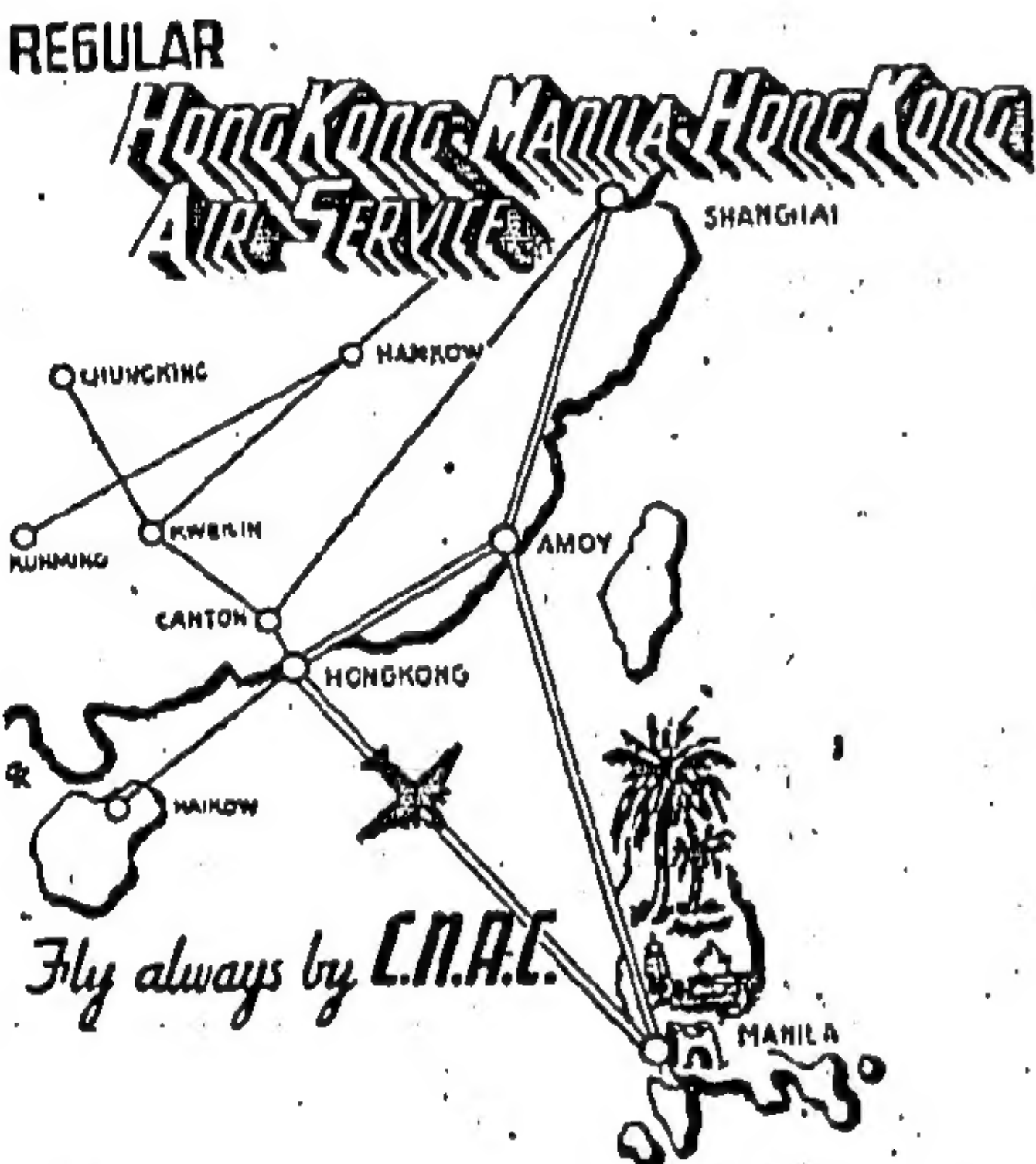
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## Dethroning Black Market "King"

Frankfurt, May 19.

Private shipments of cigarettes from the United States to tobacco starved Germany will be banned on commercial orders filed after May 27, Army officials disclosed today.

The full details of the Army plan were not available. It was learned, however, that control will be exercised in the United States rather than at Army Post Offices in Germany.

The American cigarette has been the "king" of the German blackmarket since the end of the war.

Some Americans have built young fortunes before the last army currency reform provided army "scrip" for use by Americans only. Within 48 hours of issuance of "scrip" however, German black marketeers were quoting conversion prices for their American counterparts who were laden with German marks.

Through flourishing cigarette mail houses, Americans with Army Post Office privileges have been able to buy 10 tax-free cartons for less than \$10. Some, instead of selling for cash, have been able to buy Mexican china, fur coats, automobiles and other scarce and valuable items.

On the other hand, the Germans respect cigarettes as a more reliable currency than their own unsupported Reichsmark. A package of cigarettes currently is worth around 100

marks, almost a month's pay for the average German laborer.

In the current food crisis, where food in the legitimate market channels has dwindled to about two-thirds of the authorized ration, many farmers can still find supplies for those who carry cigarettes.

One German black marketeer, analyzing the current attitude in the up-side-down economy, said his riches were not in his wallet but in the cigarettes stuffed in his pockets.

In Berlin, parties in the once fashionable Zehlendorf residential district broke off en masse as revelers headed for local cable offices to get in their orders under the deadline.

American wives saw fur coats and household goods vanishing as they realized that orders placed will have to be cancelled because they would not be able to make payments. —United Press.











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## Trade With North China Drop In Exports From H.K.

(By Margaret Bradbury)  
A drop of 72 million dollars in the annual sum brought into Hong Kong from goods exported to North China will be experienced this year unless some alteration is made in the trade situation existing between the two areas.

Due to the stricter Chinese side world in the following import regulations follow: the prohibition ruling of last November, Hong Kong Import and Export firms and their representatives here are steadily losing considerable sums of money.

Official comparative trade figures between the first four months of last year and this, show that on an average 82 million dollars-worth of goods were exported from Hong Kong to North China each month compared with only 25 million dollars-worth each month for the equivalent period this year. Total exports to North China from Hong Kong last year amounted to 104 million dollars.

**Handling Costs**  
In an interview yesterday with the representative of a prominent import and export firm here, I was told: "China needs imports even though she is not letting the goods in. Reason why she cannot at the moment import is because her exports are not sufficient to pay for the goods, and this again results from the immense handling charges in China from the point of production to the point of completion.

"This high handling cost can only be put down to the state of corruption which exists in many parts of the country."

But although export figures for trade with North China have fallen so considerably during the past few months, exports to Central and South China have remained at a fairly high level despite the country's present restrictions.

Reason for this was explained by the manager of an Import-Export concern in the Colony who said that representatives of medium and small import firms in Shanghai who apply for import licences for goods from Hong Kong have to wait for long periods (often half a year) before their applications are approved. "This, he said, is due to bad administration in North China because on the other hand large companies who have 'pull' with certain Government departments manage to get all the import permits they need.

**Canton System**  
"In Canton, which is now the main receiving place for imported goods from Hong Kong, this does not arise. An importer sends in a periodic application form not amounting to a value of more than 2,000 Hong Kong dollars and receives permission (usually to import about \$3,000 to 10,000 Hong Kong dollars-worth a month). This applies to the average importer in Canton according to the approval rates now operating."

"Official facts show that China this now classified the goods which she needs from the out-

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.  
12.35 p.m.—Light Variety.  
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather, Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.  
1.15 p.m.—Frank Grumit (Vocal) and the Rocky Mountaineers.  
1.30 p.m.—Half an Hour with Offenbach.  
2.00 p.m.—Class Down.

3.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Victory Star Show".  
3.15 p.m.—"Sweet and Hot"—A Swing Programme.  
3.30 p.m.—London Relay: World News.  
3.45 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.

4.00 p.m.—Radio 1: Spring You Music.  
4.15 p.m.—Classical Selection Programme presented by Lynn Frazier.  
4.30 p.m.—A French Programme.  
4.45 p.m.—Dance Songs and Music.  
5.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.  
5.15 p.m.—Interlude.  
5.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Scotland Yard at Work" No. 4.  
5.45 p.m.—"Twilight Melodrama".  
6.00 p.m.—Class Down.

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## AMMO DUMP EXPLOSION

Hamburg, May 19.  
Twelve people were killed, including a number of occupation forces, in an explosion today at a ammunition dump in Lehmke near Braunschweig.

Identification of the bodies has not as far been possible. The cause of the disaster is not yet clear.—Reuter.

before they have bought other goods in Chinese, currency to repel on other markets.

"China's export and import trade is now negligible when compared with before the war. High transportation charges in getting stuff to the coast cheaply is one of the causes of her low export output."

The effect of the Chinese prohibition of imports has turned Hong Kong into a dumping ground. Goods which took three or four months to reach China from other parts of the world and arrived here at the zero hour were not allowed to land in Shanghai and consequently were reloaded in Hong Kong to save return freight.

The result of this is that many items are still on sale in the Hong Kong market at below landed cost. These include imports of Australian Army blankets and woolen yarn destined for China which did not reach there in time to evade the November regulation.

## Tung Wah Hospital Ceremony

Thirty-eight of Hong Kong's leading citizens yesterday solemnly paid homage to Shen Nung, legendary discoverer of herbal cure and patron god of Chinese medicines, in an impressive ceremony at the Tung Wah Hospital.

The occasion was the annual change-over of Directors of the Tung Wah and Affiliated Hospitals, which was accompanied by the traditional ceremony of bowing respectfully before the image of this "great deity."

It was also the annual red letter day of the Hospital, the Colony's leading medical and charitable institution, and as in former years the public or 'kai fong' were invited to witness the handing-over ceremony.

Yesterday's function was presided over by the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, senior representative of the Chinese on the Legislative Council and permanent adviser of the Hospital. Before him the 21 new Directors headed by Mr. Hsu Kwai-leung, solemnly swore they would endeavour to the best of their ability to serve the public as worthily as their outgoing predecessors.

**Fine Job**  
To their predecessors, headed by Mr. Yung Shai-fong, who had served the Hospitals and the public for two consecutive terms, the Hon. Mr. Chau extended cordial thanks. Mr. Lung, he said, had done a fine job of work under difficult conditions, and he expressed the hope that the new Directors will have an equally good record to show when they come to the end of their term of office.

Mr. Yung Shai-fong, head of the outgoing Directors, then gave an account of his stewardship for the past year. He was followed by Mr. Hsu Kwai-leung, head of the incoming Directors who vowed he and his colleagues would try to live up to the record of his predecessors.

On behalf of the guests, Mr. Li Tai-chao extended thanks to both the outgoing and incoming Directors for their public-spiritedness. The Hospital, he said, was an important institution doing fine work among the Chinese, and deserving of the fullest possible support from the public.

Among the guests present were Dr. J. P. Feilly, Dr. Graham-Cumming, Hon. Dr. S. N. Chau, and Messrs. Li Tai-chao, Ma Tui-chiu, Ko Cheuk-hung, Kwok Chan and many others.

The incoming Board of Directors comprise Mr. Hsu Kwai-leung (Chairman) and Messrs. Yung Hon-ching, Wong Kim-yik, Wong Wan-yuk, Yau Hong-chung, Ho Chi-wang, Lam Han-ink, Lam Tung-shan,

## Fraulein Shoots Fiance

Frankfurt, May 19.  
Army officials at Heidelberg said today that a 22-year-old American Military Government employee was found dead yesterday in the arms of his former German fiancée, apparently shot by the fraulein before she committed suicide.

Officials said the former soldier—member of the Public Safety Office at Heidelberg—had filed papers for marriage to the girl, 26-year-old Katharina Ruff. His marriage request was recently cancelled, the authorities said "pending a decision on renewal of his contract in June."

Initial investigation indicated that the girl fired two shots into the American's back in a wooded area five miles east of Heidelberg and that the third bullet which she apparently fired into her own head also struck the former soldier in the head.

The American's name was withheld pending notification of his next of kin.—United Press.

## Marine Court Case

Leaving the waters of the Colony at night without a night clearance was an offence, said Yung, master of a trading junk, found out to his cost in the Marine Court yesterday, when he was fined \$150 or six weeks hard labour by Magistrate Neil Garland.

Hui was intercepted off Lyemun at 3 a.m. on May 20 by S.I. Jack of the Water Police, who was on patrol.

For carrying 14 passengers on his motor junk without a licence, Chan Fung-sing, coxswain, was fined \$200 or two months hard labour.

Chan Yau, another motor-junk coxswain, was fined \$150 or six weeks, for having no certificated engineer on board while his craft was under way.

A fine of \$30 or ten days was imposed on each of two boat masters and one boat mistress for making fast to the s.s. "Hui Hsin" before she had tied up at the China Merchant Wharf on May 19.

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## ENGLISH CRICKET Yorks In Tricky Position

London, May 19.  
South Africa had a bad day when the cricket match with the MCC continued at Lords today and the home side seem able to afford a declaration tomorrow morning and then win the match with something to spare.

They dismissed the South Africans for 127, thereby gaining a first innings lead of 103 runs and then kept the South Africans toiling in the field for the rest of the day while collecting 253 runs for the loss of only four wickets.

Martin and Mallett, with four and five wicket, respectively, for the same runs—55—were the chief instruments in the South African dismissal, there being no wicket stand exceeded 20 runs, and then the MCC batsmen flogged the South African bowling.

Brookland and Dods again gave an encouraging start to the MCC second innings, Dods lost his wicket at 55, having scored 25. Pawanon and Brooks added a few runs, but the big stand was Brooks and Denis Compton—115. Brooks was stumped when 77 and Compton got himself out at 97 when attempting to chase a ball in an effort to get his century before stumps were drawn.

With a lead of 356, the MCC seem well on the road to victory, if the weather causes no interruption.

Close of play scores were: MCC 230 and 253 for four (Brooks 77, Compton 97, Dods 25, Pawanon 31, Yardley not out 4). South Africa 127 (Martin 44 for 55, Mallett 5 for 65, Yardley not out 9).

The County cricket programme today produced several highlights, both in batting and bowling.

**Mammoth Total**  
Bill Edrich, of Middlesex, topped the 200 and went on to reach 225 in five hours fifty minutes, hitting a six and 23 fours. Then he played a ball on to his wicket, but he had helped Middlesex to the mammoth total of 462 for the loss of five wickets when they declared.

G.L. Willatt, Cambridge captain, was another centurion in the University match against the Royal Navy, this following his century of last week against Yorkshire.

Among the outstanding bowling feats was that of Barnett, usually considered one of Gloucester's batting stars. Today, he had five for 14 in the first innings and six for 46 in the second, to be chiefly responsible for Hampshire's innings' defeat.

Cornford took seven for 86 for Sussex against Yorkshire to give his side a chance of a possible win tomorrow against the champions.

**Lancashire Win**  
The county scoreboards tonight were:

At Manchester: Lancashire beat Kent by eight wickets, Kent 102 and 143 (Ames 69, Garlick three for 11, Roberts three for 20, Lancashire 180 and 68 for two).

At Bristol: Gloucester beat Hampshire by an innings and 141 runs. Gloucester 378 (Willcox not out 54, Emmett 102), Hampshire 77 (Barnett five for 14, Goddard five for 25) and 180 (Barnett six for 46).

At Birmingham: Warwickshire 200 and 52 for two, Middlesex 452 for five declared (Edrich 225, Englestone 55, Thompson not out 52).

At Bradford: Yorkshire 147 and 209 (Hutton 100, Cornford seven for 86), Sussex 178 (Bawes four for 24, Coxon four for 54) and 88 for three.

At the Oval: Surrey 300 for seven declared and 149 for two (Squires not out 60), Somerset 195 (Gimblett 51, Gover five for 49).

At Chesterfield: Worcestershire 285, Derbyshire 185 for four (Smith 52).

At Ilford: Northamptonshire 215 and 219 for five (Timmins not out 90), Essex 207 (Gray 100).

At Loughborough: Leicestershire beat Nottinghamshire by ten wickets, Nottingham 90 and 242 (Hardstaff 52, Walsh six for 11), Leicestershire 392 for nine declared (Lester 89) and 18 for no wicket.

At Cambridge: Cambridge University beat Royal Navy by an innings and 44 runs, Royal Navy 287 for seven declared (Barn 100) and 105 (Parsall five for 41; Griffiths four for 24), Cambridge 447 for nine declared (Willatt 149, Shuttleworth 64).—Reuter.

**CRICKET TOURS**  
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**DAVIS CUP**  
Brussels, May 19.  
Belgium, already assured of success in their second round Davis Cup tie against Egypt, because of winning the first two singles and the doubles, completed the match today when

## American Baseball

New York, May 20.  
Chicago moved into third place and broke a five game losing streak by outslugging Brooklyn, 8 to 7.

In the American League, Red Sox leftfielder Ted Williams' ninth home run of the season with one man on base in the last half of the ninth inning gave Boston a 5 to 4 victory and an even split in a doubleheader with Detroit. The Tigers took the first game 3 to 2 in 11 innings, the winning run coming on George Kell's double which scored shortstop Eddie Lake.

Cleveland scored its second straight victory over the New York Yankees, 5 to 4. Hal Peck homered for the Indians while Yankee outfielder Charley Keller hit his seventh consecutive smash of the season with one man on base. Yankee pinch hitter Frank Colman homered in the eighth to pull his team to within one run of a tie.

Scores:

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<b>National</b>			
	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	7	8	0
Chicago	8	12	2
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American			
	R.	H.	E.
Detroit (First game) ..	3	9	2
Boston .....	2	8	1
Winning pitcher, Benton.			

Baseball Standings		
New York, May 20.		
Minor league league standings, including Sunday's games: PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE		
	W	L
San Francisco	20	19
Los Angeles	20	21
Portland	22	23
Oakland	22	23
San Diego	22	23
Sacramento	23	20
Reno	22	27
Hollywood	22	29
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION		
	W	L
Kansas City	14	8
Toledo	18	10
Columbus	18	18
St. Paul	15	15
Indianapolis	12	15
Minneapolis	12	16
Milwaukee	13	15
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE		
	W	L
Jenney City	17	0
Montreal	12	9
Birmingham	12	10
Dayton	9	8
Rochester	12	12
Detroit	12	14
Toronto	10	15
Buffalo	10	15
TEXAS LEAGUE		
	W	L
Houston	23	15
Port Worth	18	16
Shreveport	15	17
Oklahoma City	17	18
San Antonio	17	18
Beaumont	17	22
Dallas	10	20
Texas	10	19
SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION		
	W	L
New Orleans	24	11
Chattanooga	20	16
Nashville	17	17
Birmingham	14	20
Memphis	12	19
Louisville	12	23
—Associated Press.		

## Yachting Notes

On Saturday last there was a lot of rain and practically no wind on Sunday there was too much of both wind and rain. As a result, indoor sports were the order of the day at Kellie Island although on Sunday some gallant attempts to start were made. The only race completed last weekend was the 'Star' Helmsman's race on Saturday afternoon.

1st. Daphne (Hawman-Merk) 1.40.00  
2nd. Belle (Hawman) 1.44.00  
Deneb (Chillie) Did not finish  
Algo (Lindeman) Did not finish

These four started in a light breeze and heavy rain, crossing the line West to East and making for No. 28 Buoy. Belle and Deneb were away first but Deneb mistook the course and went to H.W.D. No. 2 buoy as first mark instead of second. Daphne picked up very well after a poor start and had gained the lead at the end of the first lap. Deneb continued in the race but was next overtaken by Belle. Algo dropped further and further astern during the last two laps and eventually the very light wind prevented him from finishing against a strong flooding tide.

During this week we hope to see some evening team races, which will be continued on Sunday morning and on Monday—White Monday. There will be a Helmsman's race in Stars—6 Stars—on Saturday; and in dinghies on Sunday afternoon.

On Sunday, June 1, the R.H.K.Y.C. will be entertaining the Royal Navy at Kellie Island for the day, and return match between the R.H.K.Y.C. and Royal Navy will be held on the lines of the match held a week ago and conducted from H.M.S. Adamant.

On Sunday, June 1, the Royal Navy will be guests of the club, and it is understood that a cocktail party is being held in the evening on Kellie Island.

**RICHARDS' NEW MARK**  
London, May 19.  
The British champion jockey, Gordon Richards, set a new world record today when he rode the 3,801st winner of his career at the Worcester racecourse.

The previous record was held by the British-born Belgian jockey, Sam Healey, whose wins in all races totalled 3,200.

Richards has held Britain's jockey championship 18 times during the past 20 years.—United Press.

## "DAILY MAIL" TOURNEY

Barraclie, Scotland, May 20.  
James Adams and Arthur Legg, returning one under par 71, led the opening qualifying round of the "Daily Mail" £2,500 professional golf tournament on the 6,402-yard Kilmarnock course.

The 60 low scores, after another qualifying round, will be eligible to play in the 72-hole medal play tournament starting on Wednesday.—Associated Press.

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